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Honorable Gordon Gray  
Director  
Office of Defense Mobilization  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Gray:

In reply to your letter of 20 June 1957, I wish to assure you that this Agency will be pleased to arrange for any briefings that Mr. Roman Gaither and his study group may require, and also to make available any pertinent reports which we may have.

I have asked Dr. Herbert Scoville, Jr., Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence, to serve as a point of contact with this group. He has already been in touch with Mr. Gaither and the Science Advisory Committee in connection with its work.

I had the opportunity to discuss this study in a preliminary fashion with Mr. Gaither several weeks ago, and would look forward to any further discussions which you or Mr. Gaither may desire.

Sincerely,

Allen E. Dulles  
Director

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Allen W. Dulles

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Proposed Reply to Mr. Gordon Gray's Letter  
dated 20 June 1957


1. Enclosed is a proposed reply to Mr. Gordon Gray's letter dated 20 June 1957 for your approval and signature.

2. Mr. Gaither has now actively taken over the organization of the study group on the relative value of active and passive measures for the protection of the civil population (NSC Action 1691-b(2)), which he briefly discussed with you, Mr. Amory and me on 15 May 1957.

3. Since then, there have been a number of discussions on the scope of the study with the Science Advisory Committee, some of which I have attended. In general, the group is initially assuming a very broad scope with the view toward selecting for detailed study certain key problems within this scope. On 24 June, Mr. Gaither indicated to me that he would like to have further discussions with you on what specific key problems you thought required major attention.

4. It is planned to spread the group into three main sections; one on active defense, headed by Dr. Wiesner, MIT; one on passive defense, headed by Mr. Webster; and the third on political, social and economic problems, which will probably be headed by Mr. James F. Brownlee. There will also be a rather high level advisory group which will include such people as Mr. Lovett. Mr. Webster has asked for the part-time loan of one individual from O/SI.

5. It is anticipated that the briefings will be of the usual type outlining the nature of the Soviet threat and intentions. More detailed intelligence information may be required on specific problems as the study progresses. This office will be glad to arrange the procurement of the necessary material, but it is probable that representatives of ONE, ORR, and perhaps other offices may be needed to assist in this.

  
HERBERT SCOVILLE, JR.  
Assistant Director  
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Enclosure: Proposed Letter

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